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SUBJECT: PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE

, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED SCENARIO, NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR US-CHINA RELATIONS INFORMED PRC LIAISON OFFICE LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 26 THAT SINCE THE PROBLEM INVOLVING THE SONG HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED, NATIONAL COMMITTEE WITH REGRET HAS DECIDED THAT TOUR OF PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. NATIONAL COMMITTEE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE SHORTLY RELEASING A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS.

2. WITHIN HALF AN HOUR, PRCLO TELEPHONED RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE (DESPITE THE FACT THAT WHEN NATIONAL
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COMMITTEE TELEPHONED PRCLO, THEY WERE TOLD THAT ALL THE

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PRINCIPALS WERE OUT, THUS MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO LEAVE MESSAGE WITH PERSON WHO ANSWERED THE PHONE).

3. WE ARE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO THREAT OF RETALIATION IN THE STATEMENT .

4. BEGIN TEXT PRCLO RESPONSE:

WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE TOUR OF THE US BY THE CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE. THAT SONG ENTITLED "THE PEOPLEOF TAIWAN, OUR OWN BROTHERS" EXPRESSES THE PROFOUND SENTIMENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF OUR MOTHERLAND. THE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE SONG IS UNWARRANTED. THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN AND THE UNIFICATION OF OUR MOTHERLAND IS THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS A RIGHT TO INTERFERE. TO US THIS IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. THE US SIDE'S REQUEST IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THIS PRINCIPLE AND THE CHINESE SIDE CANNOT ACCEPT IT. IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THE US SIDE AGREED THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA AND THAT TAIWAN IS A PART OF CHINA. IF THE US SIDE IS NOT RETREATING FROM THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THERE IS NO REASON FOR IT TO OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF THIS SONG IN THESUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM OF THE CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE. AS THE US SIDE CLINGS TO ITS UNREASONABLE POSITION, THE CHINESE SIDE HAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN AGREE TO AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE OF CHINA.

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